



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Michio MASUDA

Application No.: 10/679,422

Filed: October 7, 2003

For: FEMALE SCREW MECHANISM AND NUT

Attorney Docket No.: TOC-0009

Examiner: J. A. Sharp

Art Unit: 3677

Confirmation No.: **3477**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 8, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-5 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1-5 are amended.

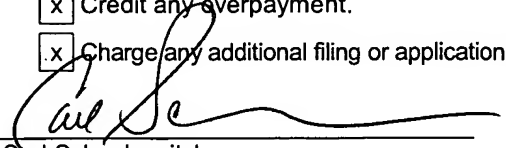
Applicant expresses his appreciation for the Examiner's issuance of the Office Action dated March 8, 2005, as a substitute for the Office Action mailed to Applicant's representatives on December 22, 2004, effectively extending Applicant's time for response.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)



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<p align="center">TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</p> <p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.</p>																																															
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